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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Christoph Dorr

Serial No. : 09/640,038

Filed : August 16, 2000

For : BALL-AND-SOCKET JOINT WITH BEARING SHELL

Group Art Unit : 3679

Examiner : Ernesto Garcia

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**PETITION TO EXTEND PERIOD FOR RESPONSE**

Sir:

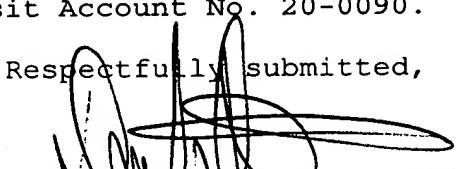
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby requests a one (1) month extension of the period for response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2002. The response date set in the Office Action was March 19, 2003. A response is being filed herewith today, April 17, 2003, which is within the first month after the response date. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110.00, which is the fee for a one month extension.

Accordingly, applicant hereby requests that the period for response be extended by one (1) month so that the response filed herewith will be considered timely filed.

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